

## **Development Partner statement**

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**(Craig to introduce)**

### **Thanks**

- On behalf of the Development Partners, we would like to express our thanks for the opportunity to provide reflections to the SOM.
- First, we would like to express our gratitude to Pak Hendra for his energy and efforts as the interim Executive Director, particularly on the significant work he has done to increase transparency, confidence and trust amongst the CT6 members and Development Partners in the CTI secretariat and institution overall.
- We would also like to compliment the CSO, the CSO Chair and the NCCs for their leadership and commitment, and to congratulate the CT6 on your hard work over the last few days. There is admirable progress as you move towards finalisation and endorsement of the RPOA2.0 and decisions regarding the structure of the regional secretariat.

### **Significance of CT and CTI**

- We are here because we all appreciate the global significance of the Coral Triangle and the urgency with which we need to protect it. We're all also here because we believe a regional approach is the most effective, and indeed the only way, to address the many large-scale threats to the CT, in terms of biodiversity loss, climate change and overfishing, to name a few.
- This regional approach that characterises the CTI is particularly significant (e.g. learning networks, seascapes etc) given an increasing trend globally towards countries working alone and bilateral investments from donors
- That said, we also recognise and appreciate the important work done by the national offices through their NPOAs, which is critical also to achieve the goals of the CTI

### **There are several areas where we feel there is impressive energy and momentum:**

- We appreciate the progress made by the cross-cutting initiatives, including the WLF, LGN and efforts to integrate these more fully into the CTI institution

- We applaud the ongoing investment in the CT Atlas and agree this is critical for ongoing monitoring and evaluation as well as communication and partnership development
- We also applaud the strong interest and commitment amongst CT6 to strategic integration of emerging issues e.g. marine debris into the CTI framework

**There are also areas where we would encourage prioritisation and additional focus:**

- We need to prioritise the finalisation of RPOA2.0 and the identification in parallel of suitable sustainable financing mechanisms that can support the delivery of this plan
  - We appreciate the suggestion floated during the pre-SOM about an interest in announcing the launch of the RPOA 2.0 or another suitable financial mechanism, at the Leaders' Summit.
- We strongly believe in the critical importance of a leader summit in 2020. In the past, in our experience, it has been important to have at least one of the CT6 leaders championing this effort and engaging with his/her counterparts in the other countries, together with support from DPs
  - We appreciate the willingness of the CT6 to allocate funds to the Leaders' Summit based on its critical importance for the future of CTI-CFF
  - During the partner dialogue tomorrow, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss in more detail how the DPs can support the CT6 to secure participation at the highest level
- We recognise the need to engage new stakeholders in new and innovative ways, including youth as well as the private sector.
  - Regarding the desire for increased engagement of youth, we feel the RCTNO program provides a good example
- We understand the pressure to reduce country contributions and commend the countries on agreeing to a 10% increase over last year's budget.
  - We feel it is important to remember that these are a critical symbol of country commitment to CTI including for donors.
  - Again, this underscores the importance of exploring sustainable finance mechanisms for the CTI.
  - We also welcome the commitment for the RS to become more engaged in fundraising for CTI-CFF.
  - We strongly encourage the streamlining process including consolidation of working groups in order to improve efficiency of the budget

## **We would like you to know that development Partners remain committed to the CTI**

- WWF: is working with EU funding to implement a program focused on Ocean Governance, which will include funding support to the regional secretariat for a coordination role with participating countries (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia). In addition, WWF is working on
  - Strategic partnerships for effective protection and management of marine and coastal habitats,
  - Coastal Communities Initiative for Resilience, Food Security and Livelihoods,
  - Sustainable fisheries and protection and management of juvenile tuna nurseries and spawning areas,
  - Blue Futures, including the development of a blue bond for fisheries and Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management.
  - No Plastic in Nature Initiative
  - Sustainable Marine/Nature Based Tourism
- GIZ: is leading a consortium of development partners and collaborators, working in close coordination with the Seascapes Working Group, will develop the Solutions to Marine and Coastal Resilience Project proposal to be supported by the German Federal Government through the BMU International Climate Initiative. The project will be implemented across the three priority seascapes.
- CTC: plans to continue to support the cross cutting initiatives, particularly with the facilitation of WLF and LGN leadership training, regional MPA field exchanges, youth engagement and the sustainable marine tourism taskforce. We can also continue to engage with the RS on its communications program.
- TNC: continues to support achievement of the CTI goals in Indonesia, PNG and Solomon Islands, working with communities, provincial government and national government. We remain committed to supporting the development of sustainable finance options for the CTI, leveraging the expertise of our global teams to explore potential for the application of innovative financing mechanisms such as debt restructure and reef insurance. We also remain committed to supporting the WLF under the excellent chairpersonship of Agnetha Vave-Karamui, and connecting the WLF to our work to engage and empower women at the country level.
- WCS: is supporting the threaten species working group in conserving threaten species particularly shark and rays across CTI region, bring Indonesia's lessons learned to the

regional CTI region. Also supporting RS CTI in formulating sustainable financing programs for the CTI initiative.

- ADB: recently launched an Action Plan for Healthy Oceans. ADB looks forward to working with the other development partners, the NCCs and the RS to explore how it can support the overarching objectives of the CTI-CFF.

We would be happy to expand on any of the partners' work we have briefly mentioned here, and perhaps we can do this during the partner dialogue tomorrow.

With that, I'll turn back over to my colleague Craig Kirkpatrick from USAID.

On behalf of the DPs, we would like to thank you again for the invitation to make a statement.